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SUB: INDIA-PAKISTAN TRADE ACCORD

1. GOP PRESS RELEASES ANNOUNCING SIGNING JANUARY 24 OF AGREEMENTS TO REGULATE RESUMPTION OF TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND FOR WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMITTANCES PERTAINING TO SUCH TRADE GAVE NO DETAILS. JAN 26TH EDITION PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTS THAT TRADE AGREEMENT INCLUDES A PROVISION THAT COMMODITIES TO BE TRADED WILL BE STRICTLY OF ORIGIN IN EITHER COUNTRY AND NEITHER PARTY WILL BE PERMITTED TO EXPORT THEM TO THIRD COUNTRIES. PRESS ARTICLE QUOTES EJAZ AHMED NAIK, LEADER OF PAK DELEGATION, AS STATING THAT THIS PROVISIO WAS INCLUDED ON PAKISTAN'S INSISTENCE TO GUARD AGAINST ANY POSSIBILITY OF INDIA ACTING AS A MIDDLE MAN BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH AFTER RESUMPTION OF TRADE.

2. JANUARY 26TH PAKISTAN TIMES ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED NAIK AS STATING THAT THE AGREEMENT ONLY PROVIDES THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD "EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING" CERTAIN THINGS. IT DOES NOT SAY WHETHER ANYTHING WILL BE IMPORTED AT ALL. NAIK STATED PAKISTANI MANUFACTURERS SHOULD REST ASSURED THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE WATCHED

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AS THE SOLE DISCRETION TO IMPORT ANY ITEM IS WITH THE

GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENTS WILL FOLLOWING AFTER MEETING BETWEEN NAIK
AND EMBOFF.
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